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BLACK HEBREWS TRIED TO GET INTO THE COUNTRY DISGUISED AS AMERICAN POLICEMEN

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Two people who are suspected of being Black Hebrews and who tried to get into Israel by presenting forged documents were arrested and will be tried for illegally entering the country.

One of them is Arthur Scott, an American citizen aged 29, who arrived in the country on July 12th together with his wife and their three children. Upon his arrival he said he was an American policeman who was sent to look into what was happening among the Black Hebrews living in Israel. He presented a document attesting to his being the head of the laboratory department at the police station of Columbus, Ohio. Following an investigation it transpired that his documents were forged and that he was a Black Hebrew himself who came to Israel in order to look into the possibility of settling down here.

He will be tried for using forged documents and for impersonating someone else.

A few days later, on July 19th, another American citizen (Mitchel Story, aged 37) also arrived in Israel. He too presented a document stating that he was a police investigator from Dallas, Texas. A brief search was conducted in his belongings and/jewelry insribed with symbols of the Black Hebrews / found in his luggage.

A more comprehensive investigation indicated that his documents were forged as well. It also transpired that he is a Black Herbrew who/arrived in Israel four years before under another name (Owen Banks). He lived in Dimona for a while and changed his name to Amishadai Ben-Yisrael. Ther

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he decided to leave the country - and now he was trying to return. The Israel Police thinks that there is a special network specializing in smuggling Black Hebrews into the country and investigations are being conducted with regard to a few other tourists suspected of trying to get into Israel in a similar manner.

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